

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

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OUR Eyes are all now upon the Trade to the *South Seas*; a Trade as proposed, few People Understand, and some for that very Reason, *viz.* Because they Understand it not, speak Evil of it — I shall endeavour to turn it round, and shew you its dark and its bright Sides, with all possible Clearness and Impartiality; but first let me say something in general, to the Original and Genealogy of this great Thing call'd Commerce in the World:

Trade is the Subject I am upon, whether to the *South-Seas* or any where else, all Parts may gradually come in — I have ad-

vanc'd in several *Reviews*, two Things relating to Trade, *viz.* That we can neither carry on our War, nor Maintain our Peace without Trade; Let me Enquire a little what this Trade is, whence proceeding, how obtain'd, how supported and kept, and how, *if at all*, to be regain'd when lost — I'll give you a brief Genealogy of her Extract, I may, in Time, give you the History of her Family and Relations.

NECESSITY — Was a Female Bastard of an Ancient Family, Begotten in the earliest Ages of the World by Male *Pride*, upon the Body of Female *Sloth*, and having wasted a great Estate, which her Father

Pride

Pride had got, as a Legacy left by one of his Ancestors, call'd *Violence*, the Son of *Ambition*, she became very poor, for none of her Estate bring got by *Rapin*, *War*, *Treachery*, and *Blood*, it therefore could not be expected to thrive much, especially if our Proverb be true, That what is gotten over the Devil's Back, will be spent under his Belly—.

Being thus reduc'd, she fell in with a parcel of Beggars, and finding one nam'd *POVERTY*, a likely Fellow, and able enough to Work for her, she Married him, and they had between them one only Son, call'd *Invention*, and a Daughter, call'd *Wit*.

The Boy was Witty and promising, and no sooner grew up to know any Thing of the World, but he turn'd his Head, and his Hands too, to find out Ways to live; this quickly succeeded so well with him, that in a few Years, he not only provided for himself, but took care of his Father and Mother also, and began to thrive and grow Rich.

He Married the Daughter of a Famous Citizen of the World, call'd *PROFECTOR*, and they fell to Improvements of Land, Art, and various Contrivances for their Advantage, which prospering very well, greatly Enrich'd them — And their Wealth and Family encreasing, they did abundance of good to their poor Kindred— And all that had any Relation to their Mother *Necessity*, or their Father *Poverty*, were the better for them.

They had abundance of Children — The Names of some of them were as follows, *INDUSTRY* was the Eldest, *INGENUITY* the second, *HONESTY* the third, besides several others — And these all partaking of the same Temper with their Father, set all the World to Work; had the Example been follow'd, and had not *Necessity's* other Branch, call'd *Wit*, and her Numerous Progeny of Bastards destroy'd it, as fast another Way, they laid such Stores up, and such Foundations of Wealth and Prosperity, that the Name of their Mother *POVERTY* was in a fair Way of being forgotten in the World, and all the Misery Mankind seem'd to

be born to — look'd as if it might have been prevented, and that no Mischief could befall us, but what we are accessary to our selves.

I'll give a little touch upon these Children, and then go back to the other Branch of the Line — *Industry*, the Eldest Son of *Invention*, turn'd *Husband-Man* — And Married the Daughter of Old *LABOUR*, an honest Country-Man, who was very Rich; a working Fellow, that had laid up a great deal of Money, meerly by his own Hands — And left all his Estate to this *Wench*, whose Name was *Parimony*, a rare frugal Housewife, and one, that whatever her Husband gain'd Abroad, managed it carefully and savingly at Home — They left several Children, his Sons were *Ploughman* the Eldest, *Grazier* the second, the third *Miner*, and *Gardiner* the Youngest; with one only Daughter, nam'd *Dary*; these all apply'd themselves to Country Work, their Posterity have improv'd and Enrich'd the World, and of them all, I shall speak in their turn; how they have enclos'd Forests, cleared the Lands of Woods and Watts, dreyn'd Fens, plow'd the Plains, sed the Hills, and dug into the Bowels of the Mountains, till they have made the stagnate Lakes dry Land, the Desarts Habitable, and the World a Rich Planted Garden; of all these, and the Progress they and their diligent Race have made in Improving Mankind, with something of their Methods too, I shall Discourse at large in the Course of these Papers.

INVENTION's second Son was nam'd *Ingenuity*, and he employ'd his Time in the study of Mechanick Arts, and Married a fine and most accomplish'd Lady, tho' not of Noble Extra& herself, yet she has been the Original of Nobility to others, and of which they need not be ashamed, her Name was *DILIGENCE*; they lived a great many Years together, and made vast Improvements in the World, by which they grew exceeding Wealthy, and having a Numerous Issue, they set them severally a-part to the respective Branches of these Improvements, as they found their Genius Qualified them, in order to Propagate and improve Things for the good of Posterity, and gave

gave them Names according to the several Employments they appointed them for.

Their Eldest Son was **HANDICRAFT** — A Mechanick, yet a very Ingenious Person; he had a most Fruitful Fancy, and a truly Mathematical Head — And applied himself to all kind of Works in Gold, Silver, Brass, Iron, &c. all kind of Metals, and in Wood, Iron, Stone, and the like; in Building Houses, Ships, Fortifications, &c. He left several Sons, such as **WRIGHT** his Eldest, bred a Carpenter, from whom is a true Line, are descended the Ancient and Worshipful Families of Ship-wright, Wheel-wright, Cart-wright, &c. And of old, all sorts of Carpenters, Joiners, or Cabinet-Makers, were called **WRIGHTS**, and in the North are so still, no doubt, from this their Ancient and Famous Progenitor. The second Son of *Handicraft* was **SMITH**, the Father of all the Tribes now bearing that Addition to the Sir-Names of their Employment, such as *Gold-Smith, Silver-Smith, Black-Smith, Lock-Smith, Jack-Smith, &c.* And a Race *by the by*, a little degenerate, which we formerly call'd *Brass-Smiths*, but of late, nick-nam'd **TINKERS** — And a Younger Son, call'd **ENGINEER**.

These are all the Offspring of *Ingeniuty*, the second Son of *Invention*, of whom I shall Treat very distinctly in their Turn.

The second Son of *Ingeniuty* was call'd **MANUFACTURE**, and he Married one of his near Relations, Mrs. **SPINSTER**; she was Daughter to one *Farmer*, the Eldest Son of *Ploughman*, the Son of *Industry*, who was his Father *Ingeniuty's* Elder Brother — *Farmer* had by accident sow'd Flax, and sed a great quantity of Sheep, and this Daughter of his found Means to spin them both into long Threads, call'd since *Tarn*; and of their farther Improvements after she was Married to this *Manufacture*, you shall hear in its Order.

The third Son of *Ingeniuty* was call'd *Barter* — He apply'd himself not at all to invent or make any Thing, but to buy and sell, and Exchange one sort of Goods for another; and having Travelled very much

Abroad, he understood very well what every particular Country produc'd, that another wanted; and so by fetching and carrying from place to place, he supply'd the respective Places with what they had not — And this Way he made great Gain.

He left but one only Son, and his Name was **TRADE**; this was the Famous Progenitor of the present great Family that bea this Coat of Arms; and of whom, and their several Plantings and Transplantings, to and from all Parts of the World, I am now to Treat.

From him are proceeded abundance of Useful Knowledge; the Vertues and Uses of many unknown Things, the Value of Jewels, the Price and Use of Money, Shipping, and all the Improvements of Navigation seem to be born for their Use, War seems to be wholly Employ'd for their Protection, Money is their own, Coin is a Child of the Family. The Elder Brothers of his Father, his two famous Uncles, *Handicraft* and *Manufacture*, are brought to be entirely depending upon him, and he is come such a length, that great part of the Nobility derive from him: He has a most Noble Character, and is not only vastly Rich himself, but has really made all the World so.

I have not Room in this first Paper, to enter into his Numerous Progeny, or give you any of the History of his Family, only I shall let you know he Married one Mrs. *Punctual*, Eldest Daughter to *Probity* the first-born of *Honesty*, who was the Youngest Son of *Invention* aforesaid; so that they were all of one Family: By her he had two Sons and one Daughter; his Sons were **MERCHANT** the Eldest, he was the Father of Navigation and Exchange, two Twins; **SHOP-KEEPER** the second.

There is a little *By-blow*, a Bastard of the Family, call'd **PEDLAR**; it does not yet appear whether he be the Old Man's Natural Son, or some of his Children's; the last is more likely — However, he is of late admitted into the

the Family, and passes among them as one of the Line.

His Daughters Name was CREDIT, a Beautiful Lady, but the strangest, coy, humorous Thing that ever was heard of—made all the World Court her, jilted them all in their turn, and indeed was never constant to any of her Lovers.—Of whose Character and Actions I shall have much occasion to Treat in this Work.

This is the Line of the Male Branch of the great and Ancient Family of NECESSI-

TY, who as appears, was the Mother of INVENTION.

She had a Daughter, as I noted above, call'd WITT, and indeed prov'd a meer Jilt, turn'd common Whore, and her Numerous, tho' Spurious Race, has fill'd the World with Fops and Beggars, who like the Drones in the Hive, starve and help to undoe Mankind; and in spite of all the Application of her Honest and Prosperous Relations, the Posterity of her Brother *Invention*, she fills the World with Misery, Poverty, Woe, and Wickedness; of whom more largely in our next.

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